

**REMARKS**

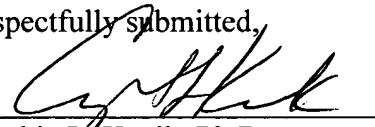
Prior to examination, claims 1, 5-18 and 22-24 have been amended to place the claims in proper dependent format and to correct various typographical errors. In addition, claims 19-21 and 26 have been cancelled.

In view of the above, each of the presently pending claims in this application is believed to be in immediate condition for allowance. Accordingly, the Examiner is respectfully requested to pass this application to issue.

Applicant believes no fee is due with this response. However, if a fee is due, please charge our Deposit Account No. 12-0080, under Order No. CCI-026US from which the undersigned is authorized to draw.

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Respectfully submitted,

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